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Village Puts Advisory Referendum Question on February 2 Ballot

Shall the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor take immediate steps to implement meaningful pension reform which will relieve the unsustainable burden on local taxpayers?"

On November 30, 2009, the Village Board unanimously passed the following resolution placing an advisory referendum question on pension reform on the February 2, 2010 ballot:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-3844 INITIATING THE SUBMISSION OF A PUBLIC QUESTION TO SUPPORT REGIONAL ACTIONS TO ATTAIN LONG-TERM PENSION SUSTAINABILITY

WHEREAS, preserving the public safety, health and welfare of its residents is a critical priority and of paramount concern to the Village of Barrington; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Barrington, like many communities across the state, has been experiencing an exponential increase in required contributions to fund the pensions of eligible municipal employees; and

WHEREAS, the actuarially required contribution for the Village of Barrington Firefighter Pension Fund has increased

by \$218,783 or 58.93% from the 2007 tax levy to the 2009 tax levy; the 2009 tax levy amounts to approximately \$11,799 or 23.55% of salary per plan member; and

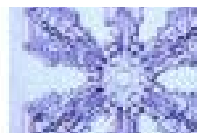
WHEREAS, the actuarially required contribution for the Village of Barrington Police Pension Fund has increased by \$139,053 or 31.69 % from the 2007 tax levy to the 2009 tax levy; the 2009 tax levy amounts to approximately \$14,095 or 21.23% of salary per plan member; and

WHEREAS, a combination of factors including investment losses, legislatively mandated pension benefit increases, cumulative wage increases and others have contributed to this situation; and

WHEREAS, both the Fire and Police Pension Boards have made reasonable and financially prudent efforts to maximize the investment returns under limitations and restrictions imposed by the State in an effort to reduce the burden on local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund has also experienced similar investment losses but the contribution amounts have been offset by reductions in force so that the required contribution has decreased \$12,991 or 5.81% from the 2008 to the 2010 calendar year; The 2010 contribution amounts to approximately \$7,511 or 10.63% of salary

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per active, full-time equivalent; and

WHEREAS, these steadily escalating pension costs have created a fiscal crisis that is consuming an ever increasing portion of the Village of Barrington's municipal budget and threatens the long-term sustainability of the pension funds and the continuation of existing levels of public safety services; and

WHEREAS, while the Village of Barrington recognizes that offering a quality pension program is vital for the recruitment and retention of quality public employees, we also recognize that increasing pension costs place public pension systems in financial jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, without both immediate and long-term legislative relief from these escalating pension costs, the Village of Barrington and many other communities across the state are faced with complex choices, including budget cuts that reduce or eliminate vital services, compromise public safety service levels, defer critical infrastructure maintenance and repairs, and/or increase the burden on local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, because Article XIII, Section 5 of the Illinois Constitution does not allow pension benefits to be diminished or impaired, the General Assembly must exercise extreme care in any pension enhancements that may cripple governments' ability to fund both pension and other essential operations, especially in times of economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, opportunities as set forth in Senate Bill 2011 provide short-term local taxpayer relief from significant pension contribution increases in 2010 by leveling and/or extending the required adjustments over multiple years, which Senate Bill was overwhelmingly approved by the Illinois Senate, but stalled in the House due to pressures from public safety unions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, that:

SECTION ONE: *Incorporation of Recitals.* The

foregoing recitals are by this reference incorporated into and made a part of the resolution as if fully set forth.

SECTION TWO: *Public Question on Pension Sustainability.* A public question shall be submitted to the voters of the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, at the February 2, 2010 General Primary Election (or at the next available election permitted by the general election law) as follows:

Shall the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor take immediate steps to implement meaningful pension reform which will relieve the unsustainable burden on local taxpayers? Yes or No

SECTION THREE: *Publication: Filing.* The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this authorizing resolution within ten days after passage in a newspaper of general circulation within the Village and to file this authorizing resolution or other related matters with the appropriate election officials in accordance with applicable law.

SECTION FOUR: *Effective Date.* This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

For more information regarding municipal pensions, visit www.barrington-il.gov.



Don't forget to vote on February 2nd and check both sides of the ballot, if using a hard copy.

Census Day is Coming! April 1, 2010

What is the census?

The census is a count of everyone living in the United States. It takes place every 10 years. A census questionnaire is mailed out to every home in the country.

Why is the census important?

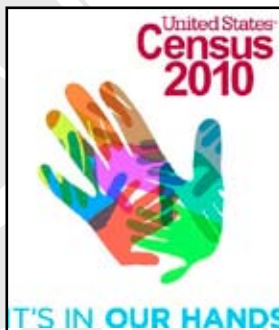
The data are used to make decisions about what community services to provide, where to distribute \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year, and to determine political representation.

When can I expect my census questionnaire?

The questionnaire should arrive at your home in mid-March 2010. Please fill it out and mail it right back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form. All homes will get a short questionnaire that should take less than 10 minutes to fill out.

Is my information safe and will it be shared with anyone?

The census is confidential. All census responses are protected by law. It is illegal for any information to be shared with anyone, even other government agencies.



Important Meetings

Call (847) 304-3400 for more information

February 2010

01	Committee of the Whole	6:00 PM
02	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM
08	Committee of the Whole	6:00 PM
08	Village Board	8:00 PM
09	Plan Commission	7:00 PM
11	Architectural Review	7:00 PM
16	Sesquicentennial/ 2015	7:30 PM
22	Committee of the Whole	6:00 PM
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BACOA to offer AARP Income Tax Assistance



The Barrington Area Council on Aging is once again offering the AARP Income Tax Assistance Program.

A trained AARP volunteer will assist seniors with their taxes at the BACOA office at the Prairieview Building at The Garlands of Barrington, 6000 Garlands Lane, Suite 100. Assistance is by appointment only and will run from early February through April.

Appointments fill quickly, so call as early as possible to schedule an appointment. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call BACOA at (847) 381-5030.



Cultural

February 6 – 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. ***“LOVE Barrington” Family Fun Fest!***

Join the Barrington Cultural Commission at the new Langendorf Fitness and Recreation Center for a FREE Family Fun Fest. Fun for all ages! There will be music, puppet show, performance art, comedy sketches, and storytellers ~ plus concessions. It's a great day for the entire family! For more information, call (847) 381-0687.

February 6 – 7:30 p.m. ***Giordano Dance Project.***

Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago conducted a series of dance classes featuring the movement and style indicative of American jazz dance. The dances will premier in the annual Dance event titled: “The Giordano Project”. Tickets are \$10. Performance held at Barrington High School. For more information, call (847) 842-3214.

February 13 – 2:00 p.m.

The Gift of Art – A Seminar for Artists and Writers

Presented by the Northwest Cultural Council
The Gift of Art Series of Seminars will be held every 2nd Saturday of the month through April 2010 in the Zimmerman Room at Barrington Area Library. All artists are invited to attend, but seating is limited and reservations are recommended. Each seminar is \$15 or \$5 for students. For more information, call the NWCC gallery at (847) 382-6922 or nwcc@northwestculturalcouncil.org

February 14 – 4:30 p.m. thru 7:00 p.m. ***Barrington Cultural Arts Center – Artist Reception***

Barrington Gourmet is proud to sponsor the local artists of the Barrington Cultural Arts Center. All artwork is for sale. Come enjoy good food and art! For more information, visit

www.barringtonculturalartscenter.org or
www.barringtongourmet.com.



February 21 – 2:00 p.m. ***Lyric Opera Program – “Elixir of Wine & Chocolate”***

To celebrate the opera, “Elixir of Wine & Chocolate”, Barrington Chapter members of Lyric Opera of Chicago will indulge in the “Elixir of Wine & Chocolate” at the Garlands of Barrington. \$25 for members, and \$30

for non-members. For more information, call (847) 985-0837.

February 23 – 7:30 p.m. or February 25 – 2:00 p.m.

Book Discussion: Out Stealing Horses

A solitary Norwegian widower reflects on a transforming summer in his youth when an adventure to steal horses leads to the tragic death of his friend. Free of charge, registration is required. For more information call the Barrington Area Library at (847) 382-1300.

March 4, 5, 6, 7 ***Beauty and the Beast***

BHS Fine Arts Department will present Beauty and the Beast ~ a wonderful production for families of all ages. The box office will open on Monday, March 1. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children/ students, and seniors are admitted for FREE. Performance held at Barrington High School. For more information, call (847) 842-3214.



March 7 – 2:00 p.m. ***Artist Demonstration by Richard Helland***

Watercolorist Richard Helland demonstrates his watercolor technique of painting directly on fully saturated paper to achieve bright, intense colors. Free of charge, registration is required. For more information call the Barrington Area Library at (847) 382-1300.

Calendar

March 12 – 7:00 p.m.

Artists Reception for Richard Helland

Visit the Barrington Area Library to see the work of watercolorist Richard Helland. His technique entails painting directly on fully saturated paper to achieve bright intense colors. Free of charge, registration is required. For more information, call (847) 382-1300.

March 16 thru May 11 –

Tuesdays at 4:15 p.m.

Headin' to Broadway

Explore the fantastic world of real Broadway musicals through the Children's Musical Theatre. All participants receive a script and a part to prepare for a culminating showcase at the end of class featuring songs, dances and scenes. Registration required at Barrington Park District. \$145 for 8-week class. For more information, call (847) 381-0687.

March 18 thru May 13 –

Thursdays at 4:15

High School Musical Craze

Actors and actresses who are involved in HSM Stage Craze will receive a script and a part to prepare for a culminating showcase at the end of class featuring songs, dances and scenes from either HSM 1 or HSM 2. Registration required at Barrington Park District. \$145 for 8-week class. For more information, call (847) 381-0687.

Through April 5 –

Mon – Fri, 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Art Exhibition – Scratchboard by Lisa Goessling, Sculpture by Don Stillman

Presented by the Northwest Cultural Council
Scratchboard and sculptures will be on display at the Advocate Good Shepherd Health & Fitness Center through April 5th. The public is welcome and there is no admission fee. For more information, call the NWCC gallery at (847) 382-6922 or nwcc@northwestculturalcouncil.org.

Through April 5 –

Mon – Fri, 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Art Exhibition – Mixed Media by Eric Hill, Digital Art by James Plaxco

Presented by the Northwest Cultural Council
Mixed-media and digital art will be on display at the Advocate Good Shepherd Health & Fitness Center through April 5th. The public is welcome and there is no admission fee. For more information, call the NWCC gallery at (847) 382-6922 or nwcc@northwestculturalcouncil.org.

If you would like to submit an event for the Cultural Calendar, please visit www.barrington-il.gov and click on “Cultural Events Form” under the Quick Links section on the left hand side of the front page.

If you have questions, please call Melanie Marcordes at (847) 304-3403 or email at mmarcordes@barrington-il.gov

Shop for the Cause

Supporting local businesses makes good economic sense for the community. Did you know that for every \$100 spent, \$68 stays in the community? Research shows that local businesses also donate to charities at twice the rate of chains.

That combination of facts led a group of Barrington merchants to create “**SHOP for the CAUSE**”, a Barrington program that helps local merchants, local not-for-profits, and the community at large.

The program works like this: the following Saturdays have been designated as “**SHOP for the CAUSE**” Days, and will benefit the designated organization

February 13 - Grove Avenue School PTO

March 13 - Women’s Club of Inverness

Using the “**SHOP for the CAUSE**” shopping voucher (available at participating stores, simply shop at any participating merchant listed on the voucher. You will surrender your shopping voucher at the time of the purchase



and the merchant will record the transaction amount (before sales tax). Then a percentage of the sale will go directly to the not-for-profit organization! You can print and make as many copies of the voucher as you like (grayscale is acceptable) and distribute them by handing them out, emailing them, or faxing them to friends and neighbors.

Barrington merchants are asking everybody to promote “**SHOP for the CAUSE**” by getting vouchers into as many hands as possible.

Your support of this effort is greatly appreciated. Your support helps local businesses, not-for-profits, and ensures a strong economy and tax base.

For more information on “**SHOP for the CAUSE**”, contact Theresa Patton, owner of TT Patton at Theresa@tppatton.com.

Computer Agents

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TOWN HALL MEETING

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Please join the Village Board at the Village Hall on Thursday, March 4, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. for a town hall meeting to learn more about what the Board has planned for the Village and to give suggestions for how to make Barrington an even greater place to live, work, and play.

The Village's vision is to provide an attractive, well-maintained downtown full of shops, restaurants, entertainment, and other destinations that are available to our residents and the greater Barrington community. This

vision includes patrons strolling throughout the town, going from shop to shop, stopping for a quick bite or a gourmet meal at one of our many restaurants, taking in a movie at the historic Catlow Theater, enjoying all of the holiday activities and cultural events, walking to enjoy a mocha latte, and stopping for a snack with friends after school.

In order to enhance aspects of the Village's vision, the Board seeks resident input and communication to help guide the Village.

Winter Parking

Through March 31st



To allow snow plows to safely maneuver and clean the streets for emergency response vehicles, parking is not permitted after 1:00 a.m. on streets within the Central Business District when snow accumulation is over two inches, until snow removal operations are complete. Parking is not permitted at any time on residential streets outside of the Central Business District when snow accumulation is two inches or more, until snow removal operations are complete. Just as a reminder, parking is always prohibited on all Village Streets between the hours of 1:00 A.M. until 6:00 A.M. Village snow removal crews typically complete post storm clean-up of Village streets during the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. after the storm has ended. Please refrain from parking on the street until after all snow and ice control efforts have been completed.

MicroLoan Program

The Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club (BBRC) is proud to launch its latest community service project, the Breakfast Rotary MicroLoan Program, aimed at helping residents of the greater Barrington area. We invite Barrington area entrepreneurs to apply for seed money to give their business a jump start.

BBRC's motivation is to provide opportunity for low or moderate income residents to start or expand an income generating business venture. The loan is granted at a modest interest rate with full expectation of payback; the loan is not meant for personal consumption such as food, rent, medical expenses, but is for entrepreneurial activity. It is necessary for the recipients of such loans to have other sources of income to sustain themselves for day to day living.

A MicroLoan recipient must be an American citizen or Green Card holder and live or have a business in the greater Barrington area. An individual or a service club or a business within our community will serve as official Sponsor of the applicant. The sponsor vouches for the applicant's integrity and character, but will not be involved in handling any money, nor will he/she be co-signing the loan.

For more information call (847) 836-0494, or visit www.BarringtonBreakfastRotary.org or email info@BarringtonBreakfastRotary.org.

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Village Vision

The vision of Barrington is to preserve and promote its unique small town heritage, preserve its distinct ecological and historical character, provide a moral and safe environment, maintain a high quality of life through the efficient use of community resources, and respond to future challenges through citizen participation in all civic, social and cultural endeavors.

The community is committed to preserving the quality of its neighborhoods, the quality of education, and the diversity of leisure time activities. The community is dedicated to fostering an easily-accessible center of activity for the Barrington area, maintaining a prosperous economic base, protecting its extensive natural resources and promoting public participation and communication.

Phone Numbers to Remember

Emergency (Police/Fire/EMS)	9-1-1
Village Hall	304-3400
Village Manager's Office	304-3444
Economic/Community Development	304-3470
Engineering & Building	304-3460
Community & Financial Services	304-3400
Water/Sewer Billing	304-3430
Fire Department	304-3600
Police Department	304-3300
Public Works	381-7903

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Art Fair Coming

Save the date!! The Barrington Art Festival will be on Memorial Day weekend, May 29 – 30 from 10:00 am to 5:00 p.m. in downtown Barrington. This festival will offer the work of over 140 juried artists from around the world in a variety of mediums, including ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, metal, photography, watercolors, wood and more. Several bands and musicians will perform throughout the weekend, and tasty summer fare from local vendors will be available at the festival. There will also be plenty of activities for children, so save the dates and join the fun!



“LOVE Barrington” Family Fun Fest!



The Barrington Cultural Commission presents: “LOVE Barrington” Family Fun Fest! February 6 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the new Langendorf Fitness and Recreation Center. Join us for a FREE Family FunFest sponsored by the Barrington Cultural Commission. Fun for all ages! We’ll have music, a puppet show, performance art, comedy sketches, and storytellers plus concessions. It’s a great day out for the family!

IS Technician Wanted

The Village has an opening for a part-time IS Technician with an average of 10 flexible hours per week. If you're interested, visit the Village's website at www.barrington-il.gov.

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